

Appln. No. 10/780,477
Amendment dated December 29, 2004
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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 20 remain in this application. No claims have been cancelled, withdrawn, or added.

Claims 1 through 20 of the present patent application have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,712,347.

Submitted with this paper is a terminal disclaimer with accompanying Statement of Ownership under 37 CFR 3.73(b)(1)(ii). It is submitted that this terminal disclaimer overcomes the double patenting rejection of claims 1 through 20 set forth in the Office Action.

Therefore, withdrawal of the double patenting rejection of claims 1 through 20 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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